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William L. Langer was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on [redacted] After graduation from Harvard in 1915 he did post-graduate work at that University, receiving his M.A. in 1920, his Ph.D. in 1923 and an honorary LLD in 1945. He saw service in the U. S. Army in World War I, and participated in the St. Mihiel and Argonne engagements. He was assistant and associate professor at Clark University from 1923-27 before joining the faculty at Harvard, where he has been Coolidge Professor of History since 1936. On leave from Harvard, during World War II, he was a member of the board of analysts, Office of Coordinator of Information, 1941-42; Chief of Research and Analysis Branch, Office of Strategic Services, 1942-45; director of the Office of Research and Intelligence, Department of State, 1945-46; and Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Intelligence, 1946. (Awarded the Medal for Merit, 1946). He is the author of several books which include: "The Franco-Russian Alliance, 1890-94," 1929; "European Alliances and Alignments, 1871-90," 1931 and 1949; "The Diplomacy of Imperialism, 1890-1902," 1935 and 1950; "Our Vichy Gamble," 1947. He is also editor of a series of historical studies dealing with the "Rise of Modern Europe" and is editor of "Encyclopedia of World History," 1940 and 1948. He has contributed numerous articles and reviews to American and European journals. Professor Langer is a member of numerous historical and philosophical societies, and is a member of the Board of Consultants of the National War College. In November 1950 he came with CIA to head the Office of National Estimates.

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